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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT: Wartime Mission of CIA

Set forth below is my suggestion for a revision of paragraph 4 of the DCI's draft instruction on the above subject. It does not alter the substance, the changes being editorial. I have added a paragraph 5 which takes into account the point raised by Colonel White in his paragraph 3. If this document were now addressed to the DDI and the Special Assistant it would seem to provide the necessary initial step. Perhaps we would want to make some changes in these arrangements after the review that is mentioned in paragraph 5.

"4. Addressees are hereby directed to take the action necessary to enable this agency to be prepared to assume its wartime role as well as to carry on its responsibilities during cold war. In the event that a specific conflict should arise wherein progress and preparation for CIA's wartime role is clearly incompatible with progress required during cold war it should be brought to my attention. The Deputy Directors will report by June 30, 1955, and thereafter on a quarterly basis, action taken and progress made including any funds and personnel in excess of current ceilings that may be required toward the accomplishment of any portion of this mission.

"5. I have designated the Special Assistant for Planning and Coordination to review the reports submitted on June 30 and to advise what further action he believes necessary with regard to planning for wartime."

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